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What is Going On Tonight.

Willimantic Welfare Bureau meets at 138 Valley street.
Independent Order of Foresters, Court Fabre, No. 3495, meets in Charter Hall.
Knights of Pythias, Natchaug lodge, No. 22, meets in Odd Fellows' hall.
Woodmen of the World, Willimantic Camp, No. 85, meets in W. C. T. U. hall.

The clear, bracing air and pleasant weather Sunday brought out the automobiles in large numbers and automobile traffic through this city Sunday afternoon was as heavy as on any midsummer's day.

At the meeting Sunday afternoon of the San Jose Assembly, No. 14, K. of C., favorable action was taken upon four applications of candidates for the fourth degree which is to be completed at Hartford, Sunday, June 1. Following are the names of the candidates for the fourth degree: Dr. M. B.

Riordan, W. H. Bransfield, Robert Casey and C. Vincent Shea. It is understood that there are two more applications to be received.

Final arrangements for another Chautauqua to be held in Willimantic early in July were made at a recent meeting of local guarantors. The Swarthmore, Pa. Chautauqua, which has been here for the past two years, has been engaged for this year and the previous meetings have been pleasing and successful. The general committee of the Willimantic Chautauqua Association had little difficulty in securing local subscribers to hold the Chautauqua this year. The following committees were appointed for the coming meeting: Ticket committee, James P. Bath, Frank H. Foss, Robert O. Branch, W. C. Norris, Samuel Chubb, Mrs. H. H. Fenton, Mrs. A. L. Clark, Mrs. C. C. Case, Miss Elsie Marsh; advertising committee, Harry C. Smith, L. H. Arnold, Charles H. Hitchcock, James F. Twomey, Dr. W. L. Higgins, F. O. Vinton, George A. Cook, Alfred Abbe, David Mathewson, Mrs. Katherine Rew; Junior Chautauqua committee, L. A. Howard, Mrs. Ruth Chappell, Miss Edith, Willoughby, committee, Charles A. Gates, Daniel P. Dunn, Frank P. Fenton, P. J. Laramie, Mrs. John Reilly; grounds committee, D. E. Abel, H. Clinton Lathrop, H. C. Lincoln, W. D. Knight; decoration committee, Mrs. George F. Taylor, Mrs. Frank H. Foss, Mrs. C. C. Case, Mrs. P. P. Fenton; Sunday committee, Rev. A. D. Carpenter, Rev. Harry S. McCreedy, Rev. C. Harley Smith, Rev. J. Papillon, Rev. J. E. Clark, Rev. W. P. Borchert.

James O. Bacon of 108 Spring street, for the past twenty years a resident of this city and for over fifty years on the railroad passenger trains, was retired on a pension last week by the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co. Mr. Bacon's request, Mr. Bacon, who is over seventy-two years of age, began his railroad career when twenty years old. He, like many others, started in at the bottom and rapidly advanced himself to the rank of conductor and when he retired last week was the oldest conductor in point of service on the New Haven road. Most of his term of service for the latter company has been on trains between Boston and Hartford via Willimantic and Putnam. Mr. Bacon's friends congratulated him well entitled to a long rest after his many years of faithful service.

Daniel Levine resigned recently as manager of the sales department of the Rocky-Willimantic Gas & Electric Light Co., which office he has held for the past three years. During that time he has made many friends in business and socially and his local acquaintances regret his departure for New York, where he is to start in business for himself in the same line of work. His associates in the Willimantic office of the company presented him an open-faced gold watch, suitably inscribed. Mr. Levine was one of the local boys to enter the military service in the world war, but did not go overseas. He was discharged with the rank of sergeant.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church was held Saturday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Charles Van Zandt; secretary, Mrs. Herbert Ladd; treasurer, Mrs. Nathan A. Bennett; trustees, Mrs. Francis Martin, A. Birthday social for the members of the guild will be given June 5.

Frank H. Post, Robert E. Mitchell and Charles E. Lovett have been elected delegates from St. Paul's Episcopal church to the annual convention of the diocese which is to be held at Trinity church in New Haven tomorrow (Tuesday) and Wednesday.

Following is a list of team workers assigned to aid and assist the local Methodist church in the Missionary Centenary campaign, which begins next Sunday: F. P. Davoll, E. F. Post, R. J. D. Brown, J. D. Brown, W. C. Webster, A. C. Scripture, F. P. Broadway, D. W. Ide, Thomas Wood, C. H. Bradley, Fred Woodward, Walter Woodward, W. B. Wray, A. B. Young, Howard Halling, Mrs. A. B. Browne, Mrs. Hastings, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Morse, Miss Hoxie, Mrs. F. J. Williams, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. Beebe, Mrs. French, Mrs. Dunstan and Miss Adelaide Webster.

The quota for Willimantic is \$1,992 a year for the year.

Charles E. Holmes, of New London

has been secured to address a meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) night of returned soldiers from this city and vicinity upon the subject of "Germany and War Insurance." James "Wooley" will preside at the meeting.

Louis Starkey was before the local police court Saturday morning on the charge of intoxication, pleading guilty. Starkey gave his residence as Hartford and was on his way to New Haven but got "lost" in Willimantic. He was fined \$2 and costs, amounting to \$3.50, but being without funds, he was taken to the Brooklyn jail to work out his fine.

The employees of the Atwood Machine Company, a branch of the local fifth Victory Liberty loan campaign, to be used as prizes to stimulate interest in putting Willimantic over the top, in the recent campaign. W. C. Norris presented the helmet, which was a small one, saying that the helmet was rather small over the fact that the German heads were small, and the heads of the Americans being so much larger. The helmet was presented to the Victory loan. The Atwood Machine company employs number 50 men and two women and they subscribed a total of \$500.00 for the campaign, which was the highest percentage of any local concern that competed for this helmet. H. T. Bacon recited a short poem, in connection with the helmet presentation which made a hit with the employees.

The annual meeting of the Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal church, which was held at Hartford, Sunday, June 1, was preceded by a supper and followed by an address by Rev. James D. Dingwell of Pawtucket, R. I. Mr. Dingwell is the founder of the Civic theatre of that city and will speak on the subject of Americanization.

A large class of children made their first communion at St. Joseph's church Sunday, at the 8 o'clock mass. There were eight children in the class, fifty of them girls; daintily dressed in white and wearing wreaths of foliage and white flowers.

Suffragan Bishop E. Campion Acheson of Middletown delivered the sermon at the service in St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday and conferred the rite of confirmation on two classes, adults and children. The bishop also preached in the afternoon at the service in St. Paul's church in Windham Center.

The death of George R. Toney, infant son of George and Maude Cady Toney, died early Saturday morning at the home of his parents in Norwalk, from infantile trouble. He was three and one-half months old.

Doris Irene, infant daughter of Jesse R. and Lillian E. Hall Lee, died at the home of her parents in Norwalk, from infantile pneumonia. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in North Coventry cemetery.

Walter Timmins, formerly of this city, was arrested Saturday night at 8.30 by Officer Thomas Grady and lodged in the police station on a charge of theft for which he was wanted. The local authorities have been holding a warrant for Timmins for about a year. Timmins was connected with the theft of 200 gold watches from a freight car in New Haven about a year ago. Another man named Thane was arrested at the time, but he was later released and drafted into the service. He undertook to steal the watches in Willimantic and was caught. Timmins will be given a hearing in the police court this (Monday) morning.

It was stated Sunday night that Timmins refused to pay his fare to a local jitney driver, after arriving in Willimantic from Hartford, Saturday night. The driver, who was a local man, was arrested and taken to the police station. Timmins was released and taken to the police station. Timmins was released and taken to the police station.

The eighty-ninth convention of the Willimantic Christian Endeavor Union was held Sunday at the Memorial church in Willimantic. There was a large attendance, including many from this city, who went by automobile. The afternoon session was devoted to the reading of the report of the convention. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Ida Matthews. Reports of the secretary and treasurer were read, after which G. S. McKay addressed the meeting. At the evening session Rev. H. C. Beebe of South Coventry presided and the meeting was addressed by Rev. Harry S. McCreedy of Willimantic. Benediction was pronounced by the pastor at South Willimantic.

At the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening, a good number were present to hear the lecture upon "The Power of the Word," which was accompanied by lantern slide pictures of that country and its people. The first half of the lecture was given by the Rev. Harry S. McCreedy, pastor of the church, and the people to which the work of the Methodist church and missionaries has not yet penetrated; the same as it has been for centuries. The latter half, a great contrast to the first, showed the section of the country and the people where great results had been obtained by the missionaries of this church, the only Christian denomination that has lent its efforts and work in that country. The pictures were varied and gave a fine idea of the country geographically and showed the wonderful results obtained so far.

NORWICH TOWN

The Forty Hours' Devotion opened at Sacred Heart church at the 10 o'clock mass Sunday. Loe's mass was sung by the choir. A. A. the offertory Mrs. Morgan Cronin gave with expression. Are Maria. Miss Elizabeth Malone was at the organ. The altar and sanctuary were beautifully decorated with palms, potted plants, carnations and roses. While the choir sang Pange Lingua, the procession of 50 children formed, led by an altar boy carrying the cross, and two others with lighted candles. Ten little girls, strewing flowers preceded the altar boy carrying the cross, and two others bearing the Sacred Host. The girls in dainty white frocks, wearing veils and wreaths of smilax, the younger ones carrying baskets of flowers made a most attractive picture. Rev. Charles W. Brennan, pastor of the church, urged the people to be faithful in attendance during the forty hours and to take advantage of the graces and blessings attached to the devotion. There was no service at the 8 o'clock mass (Monday) afternoon and evening by visiting priests, as was the rule during Sunday afternoon and evening. There will be the customary mass at five and seven o'clock this (Monday) morning, and at five and seven o'clock Tuesday morning, which is the closing of the devotion.

The Red Cross meeting is to be held Wednesday afternoon and evening in the chapel, instead of today (Monday). There was no service at the 8 o'clock mass Sunday afternoon. The programme which was announced being cancelled.

Leslie E. Gardner returned Saturday to his home in New London, after a visit of a week with Mrs. Thurston B. Barber, at her home on Peck's Corner. Mr. and Mrs. Clement Perkins and

son Emerson of Hanover, were callers in Norwich Town on Sunday.

Mrs. Susie Lillibridge of Scotland road, Saturday to spend the next three weeks in New London, with Mrs. Mary Fratus, who is ill.

Mrs. Philena Noland and Mrs. James Moffitt of East Town street, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John L. Browning of Smith's Corners, former residents of East Town street.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Henry Crocker, whose marriage took place a week ago today (Monday) in New York, are visiting Mr. Crocker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crocker of Huntington avenue. Friday Lieutenant and Mrs. Crocker were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Welte, of East Town street.

A force of men is tearing down the old bridge at Norwich Town near the Glen Woolen mill which collapsed a few weeks ago. About twenty feet north of the bridge a temporary footpath is being built to accommodate pedestrians, while a new steel and cement bridge is being built for the town.

Recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert E. Geer of Scotland road, were Mrs. Geer's mother, Mrs. Hazard Tucker of Scotland, Mrs. Stewart Greenman of Occum, and Mrs. Ruth Geier of Massachusetts, with her daughter, Mrs. George Madison of Westbury, R. I.

Mrs. Lovell Smith of New Rochelle, N. Y., was the guest of the early part of last week of Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury O. Rogers of Upper Washington street, and later was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Owen S. Smith of Huntington avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, motored to Franklin and attended the sale and supper given at the Meeting House, that afternoon and evening.

JURY FINDS FOR PARKER AGAINST S. F. MAHAN

At 3.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon the jury in the summary process case of Postmaster S. F. Mahan vs. Frank E. Parker, reported a verdict in favor of Mr. Parker, who operates the Crocker House at New London, from which Mr. Mahan was trying to eject him. Under the decision Mr. Parker may retain the possession of the hotel for five years from April 1, 1915, at an annual rental of \$10,000, with a privilege of five years additional at an annual rental of \$12,000.

Attorneys for Mr. Mahan will appeal this case.

The Crocker House summary process case was resumed Saturday morning at 8.30 o'clock. All the testimony was finished early in the week and Justice Max Boyer ordered the attorneys to proceed with the arguments Saturday morning.

The case hinged on a lease which it was claimed was made between Mahan and Parker, but which is not now in possession of Mr. Parker, who claimed it had disappeared from a desk in a drawer where he had kept it.

Attorney Gallup opened for the plaintiff. Mr. Gallup said that the whole question hinged on whether or not there was in existence a lease from April 1, 1915, for a period of five years. He contended that Parker cannot recall the conditions of such a lease as to length of time and amount of rental.

He said that in a matter involving \$110,000 for a ten year contract he couldn't see why Parker should leave such a matter to guess without having it recorded. He argued that if there had been such an important document that he would have had it recorded in the city.

He gives as his excuse that Mahan asked him to not to record it for a while. Such a request would have had a tendency to hasten placing it on record.

Parker says he left the lease in his desk where many people had access to it, and why didn't he put it in a safe? Because he had no such document.

It makes no difference what Manager Richard Law told the witnesses about the matter. Law had used the term lease, but he never admitted that it was signed.

Mr. Parker, in behalf of the defendant, argued at considerable length, going into much of the testimony and dealing particularly with the testimony and dealing particularly with the testimony of the witnesses.

Richard Law concerning whom he said: "The change from New York to New London air must have seriously impaired his memory."

Law testified that after Mr. Parker had signed the lease he took it to Mr. Mahan and has not seen it since. What became of it? Any chance that it was destroyed? Mr. Mahan isn't careless. He brought into court copies of leases drawn in 1911. Why has he preserved these and not the one drawn in 1915?

"Parker was a careless trustful man. No criticism of him in his failure to have the lease recorded can be too severe, that he conceded in Mahan and in his manager Law."

"If the hotel was 'rotten' as is Mr. Mahan's reason for wanting to oust Mr. Parker, who is to blame, the 'rotten' was the property of Mr. Mahan. He had an increase in salary for maintaining a 'rotten' hotel."

"Mr. Phelan, the Boston man who arranged to take over the hotel from Mr. Parker, testified that Mahan told him that he wouldn't consent to it because Parker had not done certain things which he had agreed to do. Mahan said that he said that he would do those things and Mr. Mahan said that he would not consent to a transfer as he wanted Parker to do those things."

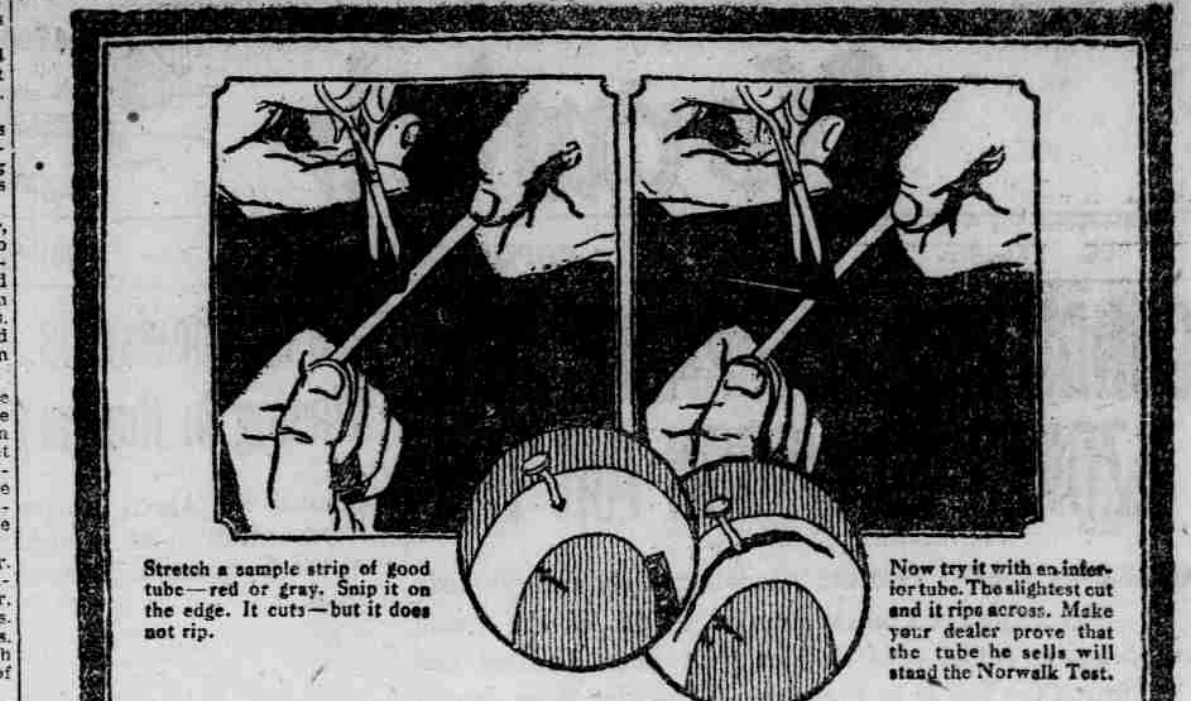
Attorney Avery made the concluding argument and Justice Boyer delivered his charge at the opening of court at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

AUSTRALIAN AVIATOR STARTS ON TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT

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It was a trial flight of the Sopwith were amazed when they saw the new machine drop like a plummet near the Martinsyde aerodrome. They knew it meant Hawker had determined to take a longer for left winged, landing equipment but lightened his craft for its hazardous voyage.

If the daring Australian wins his gamble with death it will bring him first honors in the non-stop trans-Atlantic race, undying fame and a rich prize. He decided to risk everything when he heard of the arrival of the United States Navy's seaplane, N.C.-4 at Horta and reiterated his statement that he would "beat" the Yankees across.



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quick farewell.

Flying straight, without swerving a hair from the chosen course, the little plane faded rapidly from view. In five minutes it had dwindled to a speck in the sky and in six minutes it was out of sight beyond the hills.

Hawker's start was made in the face of weather conditions which he characterized as "not very favorable—but possible." He and his navigator gravely considered the hazards of the attempt, and decided to stake everything on an effort to "beat the Americans."

Overnight reports to the meteorological station had showed increased atmospheric pressures, smoother seas and fair barometer conditions. Although winds and pressures were not all they hoped for, Hawker and Grievie ordered their hand satchels packed and made ready for the start.

Hawker considered weight as of utmost importance. Lifting Mackenzie Grievie's bag, he found it heavy and inquired solicitously if he couldn't "dispense with pajamas" on the trip. When asked if he thought he would have a chance to sleep during the voyage, Hawker replied:

"We'll have a long sleep coming at the end of it."

It was 10 o'clock in the afternoon, Greenwich time, when Hawker ordered his Sopwith plane trundled out of its hangar for a ground and wind test. Over in Quiddividi field, at the other end of the city, Raynham had found cross winds sweeping over his Martinsyde "takeoff" grounds.

Hawker tried out the Sopwith for a minute or two and called conditions for "good." He declared, before the start that the Sopwith would head straight for Ireland.

At 5.51, Greenwich time, the Sopwith was raised into the air. Hawker gave the word and the ground crew "let go." The little plane jerked forward, then moved steadily over the uneven ground.

Hawker gathered speed rapidly as he howled over the turf, rocking heavily. At two hundred yards he was going fairly well, not swaying badly. A hummock "lifted" him at 200 yards and with a last lurch the Sopwith "took the air."

From that instant it "set sail" directly northeast, rising higher and higher. When the undercarriage was dropped, the little group of spectators cried out:

"She's off!"

Raynham at Quiddividi heard the roar of the Sopwith engine as the plane rose well into the air. He ordered the Martinsyde made ready at once and went into hasty consultation with his navigator, Morgan.

Within an hour the Martinsyde was taxiing for a start, with Raynham at the control, bumping heavily and rocking from side to side over the rough ground. Suddenly a rear axle buckled and the machine crashed on its side, plunging into the earth. Raynham and Morgan were lifted out of the wreckage streaming with blood.

Too heavy a cargo was said to have caused the collapse of the Martinsyde's undercarriage. It was trying to carry 355 gallons of gasoline.

Hawker and Grievie, in their eleventh hour effort to wrest trans-Atlantic flight honors from the United States naval planes, are flying over a course all their own, figured out last night and this morning with the one object in mind of "how to head off the Americans."

As soon as they had finished breakfast this morning, Hawker and Grievie hurried to the offices of the Royal Air Force meteorologists. Finding conditions improved a little, though not as favorable as they would have demanded had not the Americans been well started on their passage, they went direct to the Mount Pearl plateau, where the Sopwith was waiting in the airfield, and began preparation for the flight.

They were wholly calm at the start. Methodically, and without the slightest trace of nervousness, they climbed aboard their small craft and set to work dispassionately. Hawker's confidence in his navigator and in his engine were absolute, he said, quietly.

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